

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of

Toshiya OHTOMO and Hiroto HORIKAWA

Application No.: 09/139,296

Filed: August 25, 1998

For: STAGE UNIT, DRIVE TABLE, AND SCANNING EXPOSURE APPARATUS
USING SAME

Group Art Unit: ²⁸⁵¹~~2852~~

Examiner: ~~S. Virmani~~ H. Nguyen

Docket No.: 101809.01

PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b)

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b), Applicants hereby petition the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to grant a change in inventorship for the above-identified application. It is believed that this Petition can be decided by the primary Examiner. See MPEP §1002.02(e). An Amendment to the Inventorship is attached hereto.

It is requested to delete Toshiya OHTOMO as an inventor of the above-identified application. In view of the cancellation of claims 1-27, Mr. Ohtomo's invention is no longer being claimed in this application.

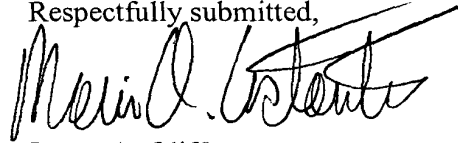
This Petition and Amendment are being diligently filed in that they are filed on the same day as the Supplemental Preliminary Amendment that deletes claims 1-27.

Check No. 65419 in the amount of \$130.00 in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h) is attached hereto to cover the Petition fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account number 15-0461 if any further fees are deemed necessary.

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Consideration and granting of this Petition are earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below if there are any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James A. Oliff", written over a horizontal line.

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